(d) whether HNL management has demanded removal of newsprint industry from Open General Licence, if so, the reaction of government thereto; and

(e) whether Government have given clearance to HNL for installation of Deinking Plant, if not, the reasons for delay in clearance?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURSOLI MARAN): (a)

Year	Capacity Utilisation (%)
1994-95	105.37
1995-96	101.11
1996-97	70.29

(b) Newsprint is mainly imported from USA, Canada, Russia, China, Germany, Sweden etc. The import of newsprint during the last two years is:

Year	Quantity
	(Lakhs/ton)
1995-96	3.45
1996-97	5.47

(c) Representations have been received regarding import of large quantity of cheaper imported newsprint into the country affecting the indigenous newsprint industry including Hindustan Newsprint Limited.

(d) Representations have been received from Indian Newsprint Manufacturers Association of which Hindustan Newsprint Limited is a member for imposing restriction on the import of newsprint and on 29.1.97 Government imposed "Actual User Condition" for import of newsprint.

(e) Government have not received fresh proposal for setting up of deinking Plant from Hindustan Newsprint Limited (HNL).

Growth in cement export

1309. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are satisfied with the present growth in cement exports; and

(b) how much quantity of cements have been exported to the countries in the Middle-East and South-East Asia?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The exports of cement and clinker has gone up from 0.36 million tonnes in 1991-92 to 3.17 million tonnes in 1994-95, but it declined to 2.38 million tonnes in 1995-96 due to firm domestic demand in that year. Exports, however, shot up to 2.73 million tonnes in 1996-97.

(b) The quantity of cement including clinker exported to the countries in the Middle-East and South East Asia during the years 1995-96 and 1996-97 are as follows:—

Name of the Country	Export of cement including clinker *(In Tonnes)*	
	1995-96	1996-97
Nepal	498617	618126
Bangladesh	516661	460006
Maldives	41666	31660
Sri Lanka	412159	393190
Mauritius	40086	8303
Pakistan	17284	—
Burma	11982	15017
U.A.E.	333708	266298
Bahrain	5566	—
TOTAL	1877729	1792600

Improvement in the functioning of PSUs

1310. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to modernise and improve the functioning of the Central Public Sector Undertakings; and

(b) the efforts made to get the Cooperation and involvement of the